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### POLITICAL.

The Hindi Pradip of the 1st January, in a review of the Circulation, events of 1877, in reference to the late The late Imperial. Assemblage. Imperial Assemblage held at Delhi on the 1st January, 1877, says that the greatest event of last year was the Delhi darbar. It may be justly called a Rája Sáya Yagya. The assumption by Her Gracious Majesty of the title of Empress of India was proclaimed at the Assemblage in the presence of the Ruling chiefs, the nobility and gentry of India. Some of our contemporaries objected to the adoption of Qaisar-i-Hind as the vernacular version of the English, Empress of India, on the ground that the word Qaisar was of Arabic origin. But they were quite mistaken. The word is of pure Sanskrit origin. It is a corruption of Keshwar or Kwishwar. It is the best title that could be adopted. The editor then gives the different meanings of the word ka, the title Keshwar being made up of two words ka and

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ishwar, and shows that the title is applicable to Her Majesty in all its different meanings: as, for instance, the word ka means a prajapati or king, and, therefore, Keshwar means the king of kings: ka means air, water, and fire, and Keshwar the lord of air, water, and fire, and Her Majesty has within her dominions many large seas and volcanic mountains: ka means the sun, and Keshwar the lord of the sun, and it is a well known fact that the sun never sets over the dominions of Her Majesty: ka means Vishnu, and Keshwar the lord of Vishnu, the great gods Jagannéth, Badrináth, and Rangnáth live in territories subject to the rule of Her Majesty; and so forth.

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treat them in any way it likes. It can afterwards conciliate them by conferring mere titles upon them. Accordingly new titles are invented every month. One man is made a Rac Salib to the name of another the letters C. S. I. are added, to the tof another a K. or G., and so on. The Maharaja Sina dhis has been overloaded with titles. Here the editor gives the full titles of His Highness, as proclaimed by the Foreign Secretary at the investiture of His Highness with the insignia of Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath on the 1st January last. In spite of these high sounding titles His Highness is probably not held in greater respect by the paramount power than a common European servant of the Government. Twenty-three councillors of the Empress and fifty other gentlemen have been appointed members and companions of the Order of the Indian Empire. W Do Sindhia and Holker belong to the class to which Mr. Egerton and Mr. Eden belong, or to the class below? Mr. Eden is a mere servant of the Government; whereas the native chiefs mentioned in the list are rulers by birth and allies of Her Majesty the Queen and Empress of India. The majority of native chiefs may be ignorant of the cunning ways and tricks of the Government of India. But the Government ought not to think for a moment that men like Sindhia and Holkar do not clearly see through its policy. It should adopt those measures which are calculated to win their sincere affections. Has the long list of titles attached to the name of Sindhia effected the least change in his actual condition? Has his fort been restored to him? Has the Government, trusting to his loyal attachment to the British orown, deemed it unnecessary to keep a contingent of British troops at his door any longer? Has the restriction imposed on him as to the number of his troops been removed? Has the order of the Government requiring him not to collect his three or four thousand troops at one place without the special permission of the Government been withdrawn? Has the least accession of

terribory been made to his State? Any number of sweety. titles is of no user The title of "Rao Sahib " has been conferred upon Mr. Dosabhoy Framji, C. S. L. perhaps in recognity tion of his services connected with the income dax ... He was paid for his services, and also received an increase of pays. He has now been appointed a member of the Legislative Council of Bombay and But far from doing any good to the people he only seeks to injure them. As for the paid members of the council, their only object is to please the Government of Mri Kunvarji and many mahalkaris and patels also deserve titles for their services in connection with the realisation of land reve-Such an indiscriminate distribution of titles and honors The people are oppressed by the imposition of is not right. The people suffered seriously from the late heavy taxes. However, no remissions of revenue were made. famine. Sometime ago a sum of fifty lakhs of rupees was sent to Eng-Such is the fiscal policy of the Government. land. gards the administration of justice, the unjust proceedings of the Government officers are brought to light every day. editor then quotes from the Native Opinion a list of unjust and illegal acts committed by Mr. Wilson, the Magistrate of Gooty, in the Bellary district.

Circulation. 380 copies.

The Anwar-ul-Akhbar of the 17th January argues that England and the Russon. British interests require an immediate Turkish war. declaration of war by England against Russia. England has unwisely deferred the adoption of precautionary measures against the ambitious projects of Russia. And the result of this delay on her part has been that the Amir of Kabul has been won over by the Czar, and the Sultan of Turkey has suffered a severe defeat at his hands. Thus, England is now deprived, as it were, of both her arms. We know that she is strong enough to cope with Russia. But that is no reason why she should neglect all measures of precaution, and allow herself to be bound hands and feet by her enemy. She should simmediately proclaim a war

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against Russia. The Amir of Kabul should be conciliated and induced to invade the Russian territories in Asia.
The native chiefs should be asked to aid him. The king
of Bokhara should be prevailed upon to rebel against Russian rule. The Sultan of Turkey should be advised to prodaim a jihad against Russia. There will be undoubtedly
enormous bloodshed. But England may be assured of ultimate success. In this way not only the danger of a Russian
invasion of India will be removed, but England will also
win the good will of the whole Muhammadan world.

Circulation, 380 copies. A correspondent of the Nur-ul-Anwar of the 19th January argues that the present aspect of the terference in the Russo- war clearly shows that British interests are imperilled by the ambition of Russia. A little aid to Turkey at the outset would have averted the present evil. But Mr. Gladstone, in utter disregard of English interests, dissuaded his countrymen from espousing the cause of their old friends the Turks. Does he expect to get any honors and titles from the Czar for his services? It is high time that England should be alive to the dangers which are fooming in the distance, and by immediate inter-

ference protect Turkish as well as her own interests from

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The Nusrat-ul-Akhbar of the 11th January republishes the The grant of equal rights following article from the Aftab-i-Pan-and privileges to natives jab. At a meeting lately held at Bourwith Englishmen.

bay to consider the question of facilitating the admission of natives to the civil service, the Hon'ble Mr. Muhammad Ali Rogay remarked that England wishes that the Porte should place its Musalman and Christian subjects on a feoting of equality in the matter of rights and privileges and fulfill all its promises. But it is to be regretted that England herself does not act upon this policy. She has not yet redeemed her pledges to natives. The distinction of creed and color should cease to exist.

#### HOOD STREET ALENAD MANIST BATION . It tagt

The Vrita Dhara of the 14th January says that, to meet the imposition of the the famine expenditure, the Government should retrench the public expenditure, and not levy a license tax on trades and professions, and enhance the duty on salt. We agree with the Arunodaya in thinking that the cause of famine in India is the poverty of the people and not an excess of population and a decrease in the product of grain, as asserted by the Government. There would be an improvement in the material condition of the native population if the heavy 'home charges' were stopped, and the cheap native agency were utilised, in the place of high-paid Europeans, in conducting the administration of the country. The enhancement of the duty levied on salt and the imposition of the license tax will only aggravate the condition of the people and produce discontent among them.

A local correspondent of the Khair Khwah Alam of the 17th January complains of the decline The decline of industries in India. of Indian industries. It appears from the Pioneer that the closing of iron works in southern Wales has inflicted great misery upon the people. If the closing of only one kind of industry has reduced the population of southern Wates to such misery, how miserable, must, be the state of the inhabitants of that country where no kind of industry flourishes and all trades and professions baye declined !! When the people are starving it is not surprising that the ruling race should call them uncivilised and barbarous. This conduct on the part of the rulers only shows that they have no insight into the real condition of their aubjects. And a clear proof of this state of things is to be found in the fact that the Government goes on adding to the burdencof the people by the imposition of mewataxes, a But Lit should be borne in mind that the people wre, as it were, the foundation of the State. When the people suffer, the Government will also inevitably suffer somer or later. We do not mean to say

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that the old forms of native industry should have been preserved intact, but that the Government should have provided the means of improving the industrial arts and trades. and thus improved the material condition of the native population. In that case the people would have identified their own interests with those of the State, and been able to appreciate properly what the Government has done in the way of improving their comfort and convenience. In their present distressed condition, which borders on starvation, they cannot appreciate the blessings of British rule. True, the former kings of India were tyrannical, but still they were so much loved by the people, that, although the Government has put an end to tyranny and oppression to a large extent, yet the people look back with regret upon their former state. If the old kings displeased a man at one moment, they reconciled him the next. But the English Government pats the head and eats the brains. If the manufactures and industries of India continue in their present neglected state for any length of time, and if nothing is immediately done by the nobility and gentry of India to improve them, the whole population will gradually die of hunger. has inflicted great mis

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The Safir-i-Hind of the 12th January, in an article the gristances of non-communicated by a native doctor, tive doctors. The gristances of native doctors. The scale of pay fixed for hospital assistants in civil employ, which was already low, has been still further reduced by an order of the Government issued last year. They are obliged, by the very nature of their prefession, to live decently, and are consequently involved in debti. Their brethren serving under the orders of the military department, get a house allowance of Rs. 22, while they do not get it. The hospital assistants, especially those of the first and second classes, attached to regiments of troops, should be appointed commissioned officers like jamadars and substants. As regards the hospital assistants in civil employ, an express

order should be issued placing them on a footing of equality with tabelldars in point of honor. The term, hospital assistants as applied to native doctors, induces usen to form a very low idea of their professional skill. Their designation should, therefore, be changed. The hospital assistants in civil employ, should be called sub-assistant surgeons, and those serving under the orders of the military department, native doctors.

The Khurshedi Alam of the 14th January complains of the low scale of pension fixed for the native officers of the army. A risáldár of the army. A risáldár gets a pension of only Rs. 25 a month, whether his pay is Rs. 100 or Rs. 300 a month; whilst even a soldier gets a pension equal to one-third of his pay. Owing to the low rates of pension the members of high families do not like to serve in the army.

The Akhyar-ul-Akhbar of the 9th January states, on the authority of the Khair Khwah Alam and the Rajputana Akhbar, that the before the year 1835. Government of India has forbidden the use of silver coins, issued previous to the year 1835, from the 1st of June next, under pain of punishment. The Government should make this order as public as possible, otherwise the ignorant people will be unnecessarily harassed and punished. It should take the forbidden coins from those men who have them in their possession and give them new ones in exchange.

The Mashir-i-Qaisar of the 13th January, in a very lengthy
The rapid growth of the article communicated by a correspondabitofdrinking among the dent, dwells upon the growth of the natives of India.

mischievous habit of drinking among the natives of India, especially in Bengal. Drinking has proved to be the bane of young Bengal, and is making steady, though slow, progress throughout India. The writer strongly condemns the enormous importation of spirituous

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Circulation, 300 copies. liquors into India by European merchants, and calls upon the Government of India to put a stop to it. However, as the entire abolition of the wine trade cannot be effected in a short time, the Government should adopt the following measures to check the growth of drinking among the natives:

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None should be allowed to open a new shop for the sale of spirituous liquors. The sale of spirituous liquors on credit should be prohibited. The abetment of drinking among minors should be a cognizable offence. The sale of spirituous liquors after 9 p. m. should be strictly prohibited. It should be the duty of medical officers to inspect frequently the shops of native wine merchants as a check upon the sale of adulterated and impure liquors.

## EDUCATION. Holston a stoy willos

Circulation, 410 copies. The Itmad-ud-daula length the history of the Itmad-ud-fund. length the history of the Itmad-ud-fund. daula fund, and contends that the fund should be placed at the disposal of the Panjab university and not of the director of public instruction. The endowment was expressly made by the donor for the religious instruction of Musalmans, especially those of the Shia sect to which he himself belonged. It will be the duty of the Senate of the Panjab university to decide in what way the income of the trust could be best utilised to carry out the wishes of the donor.

#### LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS,

Circulation, 343 copies. The Aligarh Institute Gazette of the 12th January publishes the letter of Maulvi Sayyid lettery sauctioned by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and tary to the Muhammadan Anglo-Oudh:

Oriental College Fund Committee,

Aligarh, to the Secretary to the Government of the North-

Aligarh, to the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, asking the sanction of the Government to raise funds for the building of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College by means of lotteries. Rs. 30,000

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are to be raised, of which Rs. 10,000 will be given away in prizes, and Rs. 20,000 devoted to the college building fund and the expenses of the lettery. The order of the Government sanctioning the advertisement of the lettery is also published.

A correspondent of the Hindi Pradip of the 1st January,

The slaughter of a cow
at a public thoroughfare in Atroli.

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on the day of the last Bakrid at a public thoroughfare in Atroli (Aligarh). The cow was slaughtered by Risáldár Ilahi Bakhsh through the abetment of the tahsildar. Some limbs of the slaughtered cow were also openly carried in the bazar. All the Hindus closed their shops for five days from the 16th to the 21st December last. On the 17th December some bones were found lying in a shop, and some were drawn out of two wells, having been cast there by Musalmans. The writer adds that at present most of the native officers at Atroli are Musalmans. The tahsildar, the naib tahsildar, the sub-inspector of police, who is on leave, the superintendent of chungi, the native doctor,

The Rahbar-i-Hind of the 15th January, in a communicated article, gives an instance of the Christmas dalis. Christmas dalis. The following is the substance of the article:—

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The correspondent writing from Montgomery says that Pandit Hargopal Narain, a rais, went to pay a visit to the deputy commissioner on the last Christmas day. He drove a carriage drawn by four horses. He took a dali with him for the deputy commissioner. As soon as the orderlies of the deputy commissioner saw the carriage coming to the bungalow they ran to the gate of the premises to receive the visitor. The Pandit gave five rupees to each of

The word used in the criginal is sahih bahadur, by which the writer probably means the deputy commissioner of the district.

them. But as they were not satisfied with that amount he gave them three rupees more. One of them then teld the Pandit that the duty of reporting the arrival of visitors to the deputy commissioner rested with the deputy commissioner's bearer, and that the Pandit would have to give something to Accordingly the Pandit quietly gave the bearer the bearer. a sum of rupees ten wrapped up in a piece of paper. bearer then reported his arrival to the deputy commissioner. The deputy commissioner at once came out of his room and took him inside. The Pandit asked his servants to place the dali before the deputy commissioner which he accepted and ordered to be taken to his wife. He regretted that the Pandit's son was not well educated, otherwise he would appoint him a naib tahsildar. shops for five days from the 10th

Circulation, 327 copies.

A correspondent of the Agra Akhbar of the 14th January, The Munsif's Court in writing from Mirzapur, bitterly com-Mirzapur, to dell able plains that the room in which the Munsif's court at Mirzapur is accommodated is extremely. small. It is literally crowded by pleaders and suitors.

Circulation. 160 copies.

The Khair Khwah Alam of the 17th January in an article communicated by:its Benares courses The darbar held at pendent, publishes an account of the Benares on the 1st Januadelinerity ry last by the Commissioner of Benares. darbar held at Benares by the Agent to the Governor-General and Commissioner of Beneres on the last New Year's day, the first anniversary of the assumption by Her Gracious Majesty of the imperial title. But the writer makes the following complaint about the management of the darbar. The gentlemen who had been invited to the darbar were very punctual in their attendance and arrived exactly at 2 P. M., the appointed time, at the house of the Commissioner. But on reaching the gate of the premises they were prevented by the police guard from going in and had to wait outside the premises for full half an hour. They were also compelled by the police to send away their carriages and had, therefore, to stand all this while exposed to dust and a strong

windro After half an hour they were allowed to go in. It. When they reached the door of the house, a European gentleman stood at the door with a list of names in his handled He called out the hands of each gentleman invited to the darbar with a loud voice one by one, and each san he responded to the cally was permitted to go into the darbar-half where he was shown to his seat by a Eurasian before a event on tall other of voice.

The Robitkhand Abbar of the 12th January complains of Distress from scarcity the prevalence of distress at Morada-in Moradabad.

bad. It has come to our knowledge that fifteen inmates of the charity-house perished from cold in one day, and that some dead bodies were found lying on the bank of the Ramganga outside the municipal limits. Whether the corpses were thrown there out of the hospital or the charity-house we do not know. We believe that the laborers are adequately paid for burying the dead bodies. But the work is usually so carelessly done by them that dogs easily disinter the bodies. Vagrant children, abandoned by their parents for want of food, are often picked up in the bazar. It is no exaggeration to say that the poor classes of the community are suffering severely from high prices.

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The Koki-Núz of the 12th January, in its icorrespondence bitypid with the states state one of Sayyid one of the states state of the states of

Circulation, 495 copies.

The following article, which appeared in English, is English, is Englishing in India. Marketed from the Kavi Vachan Sudha all nous vine reque of the 24th December, 1874 (but received on the 16th January). ... combined this is separately and the content of the language of the content of the language.

Circulation, 300 copies.

Langlishmen are a very nice set of people. They have some very good temperaments, and a great deal that is admirable in them a for instance, they are vin most cases true to their word, keep up to what they say and act according to promise.

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Again, they are a practical set of people, they live according to fixed rules. Action and not talk is their watchword. They are very hardworking, adventurous, and enterprisings We think we have now nearly exhausted the favorable side! but when we come to the dark side in their modes of behaviour towards the mild Hindu, towards the conquered, we are very sorry to state that we have a great deal to says against them, which will no doubt be unpleasant to them when stated, but which is still a stern reality. But at the very outset it should be noted here that we speak only of those Englishmen who are in India, and of them even only the majority, for we very gladly bear testimony to the fact that there are many excellent Englishmen in this country against whom nothing can be said and for whom the people here have the highest reverence. Hindus who visit England speak very highly of the people there and admire their excellent character. They treat the poor black, the 'nigger' (we are very sorry to pollute our pen with such a word), as if he were their dear friend and one who should not be spurned. But here the native is treated with very great contempt, and so it should be noted that the Englishmen of England are quite different from the Englishmen of India. Neither rank nor birth is seen in candidates for high posts in this country, but only a certain amount of intelligence to pass the civil service examination or other covenanted examinations. Unlike the mild Hindu, the Englishman in India is very haughty and overbearing. like the polite and communicative Frenchman, he is very unmannerly and reserved, for familiarity breeds contempt. His greatest vice is his pride. He would like to be independent himself, and lecture others on paper only upon the advantages of independence, and still he will be the last man to tolerate it in the conquered Hindu . He will be proud himself, and still will not let pride burk in the conquered There is another vice in thim He is extremely Hindu, If he, his wife, children, and horses are all right, he selfish.

will be satisfied. He wants a nice bungalow and a garden to live in. He wants to satisfy the foolish fancies of his wife in her dress and other things; he should go in a carriage drawn by a pair of horses, and his horses should look hale and stout. They should be served with plenty of gram both in the morning and in the evening, and have in the midday some other thing to eat. But while there is his fellowman starving at his door, by whose money he so enjoys himself, he will be ready to push him by his neck. We think we have drawn a dark picture of Englishmen, but still it is the truth. They treat the Hindus very impolitely and it would be well if they would always bear in mind "that true hearts are better than Norman blood." It would be well if every Englishman, who wishes to spend his time in this land, shakes off his reservedness a little and freely associates with the Hindus. It would be well if he treats them politely and loves them as his fellowmen; and it would be well, too, if he would always bear in mind the advice with which Meadows Taylor, a man held in the highest estimation and veneration by his countrymen, concludes his most interesting autobiography, which, as the last number of the Edinburgh Review remarks "may usefully be taken to heart by all Englishmen, of whatever class, whose business takes them to our possessions in the East."

'One word, one last reflection in regard to India may not be out of place. It is to advise all who go there, in whatever capacity, or whatever position they may hold, use true courtesy to natives of all degrees. My experience has taught me that large masses of men are more easily led than driven, and that courtesy and kindness and firmness will gain many a point which, under a hard and haughty bearing, would prove unattainable. By courtesy, I do not mean undue familiarity,—far from it—self-respect must always be preserved; but there is a middle course which, if rightly pursued in a gentlemanly fashion, not only exacts respect from natives of all classes, but gratitude and affection likewise.'

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